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SUBJECT: ROMANIAN REQUEST FOR SPECIAL NUCLEAR MATERIAL THROUGH IAEA

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1. FOLLOWING IS SUBSTANCE OF LETTER FROM DR. A.S. FRIEDMAN,
ERDA, TO PROFESSOR IOAN URSU, CHAIRMAN, ROMANIAN STATE
COMMITTEE FOR NUCLEAR ENERGY, DATED MAY 27, 1975: QUOTE:
WE HAVE RECEIVED REQUEST FROM IAEA FOR OUR AGREEMENT IN
PRINCIPLE TO SUPPLYING ADDITIONAL QUANTITY OF URANIUM, UNDER
SUPPLY AGREEMENT BETWEEN IAEA, GOR AND USG, FOR THE STEADY
STATE TRIGA RESEARCH/MATERIALS TESTING REACTOR WHICH GENERAL
ATOMIC CURRENTLY CONSTRUCTING IN PITESTI, ROMANIA.

2. QUOTE. WE ARE PREPARED SUPPLY THIS MATERIAL AS REQUIRED

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BY PROJECT SCHEDULE AND SUPPORT YOUR GOVERNMENT'S REQUEST
AT IAEA BOARD GOVERNORS MEETING NEXT MONTH; HOWEVER, YOU

SHOULD BE AWARE WE HAVE BECOME INCREASINGLY CONCERNED THAT TRANSFERS HIGHLY ENRICHED MATERIAL TO OTHER COUNTRIES BE SUBJECT ADEQUATE PHYSICAL SECURITY MEASURES, IN ADDITION NORMAL IAEA SAFEGUARDS. FOR THIS REASON, TRANSFERS OF SIGNIFICANT QUANTITIES HIGHLY ENRICHED URANIUM AND PLUTONIUM OF U.S. ORIGIN TO OTHER COUNTIRES WILL NOW BE AUTHORIZED ONLY IF U.S. SATISFIED THAT ADEQUATE PHYSICAL SECURITY MEASURES WILL BE IN EFFECT. IN OUR LETTER NOVEMBER 27, 1974, TO ROMANIAN EMBASSY, WASHINGTON, WE ADDRESSED SUBJECT OF PHYSICAL PROTECTION SENSITIVE MATERIALS, ENCLOSED COPIES AEC (ERDA) PHYSICAL SECURITY REGULATIONS AND REQUESTED INFORMATION AND REGULATIONS ON PHYSICAL SCURITY MEASURES CURRENTLY APPLIED IN ROMANIA OR WHICH YOUR GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS MAY BE NECESSARY IN FUTURE. SIMILAR LETTERS WERE SENT TO EMBASSIES ALL OTHER COUNTIRES WITH WHICH WE COOPERATE.

3. QUOTE. IN CONNECTION OUR AGREEMENT SUPPLY THIS MATERIAL, WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING CONFIRMATION THAT YOU SHARE OUR VIEWS ON NEED TO PROTECT SENSITIVE MATERIALS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ADEQUATE PHYSICAL SECURITY SYSTEM, THAT ON PRIORITY BASIS WE BEGIN TO ACHIEVE MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING ON ADEQUACY OF PHYSICAL SECURITY ATTENDANT TO THIS SHIPMENT AND THAT WE HAVE BILATERAL DISCUSSION TO IDENTIFY HOW THIS GOAL MIGHT BEST BE ACHIEVED. END QUOTE.

4. FOR BUCHAREST: IN VIEW SHORT TIME BEFORE IAEA BOARD GOVERNORS MEETING JUNE 10 IN VIENNA, AT WHICH ROMANIAN REQUEST SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION, EMBASSY REQUESTED MAKE CONTENTS THIS MESSAGE AVAILABLE TO APPROPRIATE GOR OFFICIALS WITH VIEW OBTAINING RESPONSE SOONEST FOR CABLING DEPARTMENT, ERDA AND US MISSION IAEA VIENNA.

5. FOR VIENNA: MISSION MAY MAKE CONTENTS THIS MESSAGE AVAILABLE AGENCY AND STATE THAT USG PREPARED SUPPORT PROJECT IN PRINCIPLE AT JUNE BG WITH UNDERSTANDING NO MATERIAL COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE UNTIL SATISFACTORY MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING REACHED PER ABOVE LETTER. SEPTEL FOLLOWS ON SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR SUPPLY AGREEMENT AGENCY IS DRAFTING.
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